

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AREA	FORM NO.
K	432



City Lexington

Address 8-10-12 Forest Street

Historic Name A. Farnum House

Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1840-1850

Source stylistic analysis

Style Greek Revival / Italianate

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings attached barn

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 22100 ft.<sup>2</sup>

Setting Residential street near business center; the earliest house on a street of mostly last quarter of the nineteenth century houses.

in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This is a simply-finished two-family house with a third living unit in the ell to the rear. Entrances are marked by plain Greek Revival frontispieces on the right and left sides. Despite owners statement on a previous survey form, no construction or map evidence indicates a building date before 1830.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

This house was, for many years after this part of Forest Street was laid out in 1850, the only house on this side of the street. The original lot encompassed most of the land between Waltham, Muzzey and Forest streets, and Park Drive. In 1853 the house was owned by an A. Farnum and in 1876 by a J.E. Hodgeman, neither of whom appear in the Lexington genealogy. By 1889 the house was owned by A.E. Scott, a lawyer who lived elsewhere in town, so probably at that time the house was rented, and also by that year the lot had been reduced to about its present size.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

1853 map  
1876 map  
1889 map  
1898 map  
1906 map